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SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING - TALK WITH PRIME MINISTER

REF: AMMAN 812, AMMAN 838, STATE 032228

1. WHEN I SAW RIFAI FEBRUARY 19, HE GAVE ME THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE EFFORT TO OBTAIN HAWK FINANCING. CHIEF OF THE ROYAL COURT MUDHAR BADRAN WAS DISPATCHED TO RIYADH FEBRUARY 19 WITH A LETTER FROM KING HUSSEIN TO KING KHALID AND PRINCE FAHD. ALONG WITH THE LETTER, HE TOOK A COPY OF OUR LATEST LETTER TO CINC JAF SETTING FORTH THE FACT THAT CONTRACT CANCELLATION WOULD TAKE PLACE ON FEBRUARY 29 AND THAT JORDAN WOULD BE GIVEN THEN A BILL FOR \$12 MILLION IN TERMINATION COSTS (REFTELS).

2. RIFAI SAID KING'S LETTER WAS TOUGH. IT INDICATED THE US WOULD HAVE TO CANCEL THE CONTRACT. IF THE MONEY WERE NOT FORTHCOMING, THEN JORDAN WOULD HAVE TO SEE WHAT IT COULD GET FROM THE SOVIETS FOR THE \$300 MILLION THAT THE SAUDI'S BELIEVED THEY WERE COMMITTED NOW TO SPEND ON THE HAWK. RIFAI SAYS THAT JORDAN WILL CONTINUE TO DO ALL IT CAN. HE SPOKE WITH HIS AMBASSADOR FROM JIDDA YESTERDAY WHO JUST RETURNED FROM A SPECIAL MISSION TO MAURITANIA. AMBASSADOR SAID THAT AGAIN FAHD HAD TOLD HIM BEFORE LEAVING SAUDI ARABIA LAST WEEK SAUDI ARABIA WOULD PAY FOR THE

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HAWK SYSTEM FOR JORDAN. RIFAI NOTED ALSO THAT SAUDI AMBASSADOR

WHO RETURNED TO JIDDA TEN DAYS AGO FOR A THREE DAY VISIT TO TALK
ABOUT HAWK FINANCING, HAD NOT YET COME BACK TO AMMAN.
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